

# Ray Charles, If I Could

If I could  
I'd protect you from the sadness in your eyes  
Give you courage in a world of compromise  
Yes, I would

If I could  
I would teach you all the things I've never learned  
And I'd help you cross the bridges that I've burned  
Yes, I would

If I could  
I would try to shield your innocence from time  
But the part of life I gave you isn't mine  
I've watched you grow, so I could let you go  
If I could  
I would help you make it through the hungry years  
But I know that I could never cry your tears  
But I would If I could  
Yes, If I live  
In a time and place where you don't want to be  
You don't have to walk along this road with me  
My yesterday won't have to be your way

If I knew  
I would try to change the world I brought you to  
And there isn't very much that I could do  
But I would If I could  
Oh baby  
Daddy wants to protect you  
And help my baby through the hungriest  
'Cause your part of me  
And if you ever ever need  
Said a shoulder to cry on  
Or just someone to talk to  
I'll be there, I'll be there  
I didn't change your world  
But I would if I could  
Oh darling, I love you baby.